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SUBJ: CASE OF TIMOTHY SOUVANNY: NATURAL SON OF FRED FITZWATER  
AND NANG SOUVANNY

REF: A. DEPT'S OM'S OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1975

B. VIENTIANE'S OM OF AUGUST 5, 1975

1. SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD INTERESTED

2. USING MAP DRAWN BY FRED FITZWATER INCLUDED IN REF A,  
CONSULAR ASSISTANT LOCATED FORMER HOME OF NANG SOUVANNY.  
WITH ASSISTANCE OF NANG SOUVANNY'S FORMER NEIGHBORS,  
CONSULAR ASSISTANT LEARNED HER NEW ADDRESS AND ASKED  
HER TO COME INTO CONSULATE.

3. NANG SOUVANNY SAW CONSUL SEPTEMBER 29. SHE TOLD CONSUL  
SHE IS WILLING TO LET FRED FITZWATER HAVE THEIR CHILD,  
TIMOTHY, IF HE WILL PAY FOR HER ROUNDTRIP TO U.S. TO  
BRING CHILD TO HIM AND RETURN TO LAOS AND ALSO FOR  
CHILD'S TRIP TO U.S. SHE SAYS SHE WROTE FITZWATER TO  
THIS EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 10.

4. AS NOTED REF B, WE ASSUME FITZWATER WILL NOW NEED TO  
TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH CHILD'S CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP  
IN ORDER TO BRING CHILD TO U.S. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT  
BELIEVE ADOPTION IN LAOS FEASIBLE OPTION UNDER CURRENT  
CIRCUMSTANCES. IF DEPARTMENT SEES OTHER ALTERNATIVE FOR  
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PROCEEDING IN THIS CASE, PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT FRED FITZWATER, DIRECTLY IN SMITHERS, WEST VIRGINIA OR THROUGH SENATOR BYRD'S OFFICE, AND DISCOVER IF HE WILLING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD AND MOTHER TO TRAVEL TO U.S. AND FOR MOTHER TO RETURN TO LAOS. NANG SOUVANNY SAYS SHE DOES NOT HAVE A PASSPORT, BUT BELIEVES SHE CAN OBTAIN ONE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. REQUEST YOU ADVISE MR. FITZWATER HOW TO GO ABOUT ESTABLISHING CHILD'S CLAIM TO CITIZENSHIP. NANG SOUVANNY SAYS MR. FITZWATER HAS CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED PROOFS OF CHILD'S CITIZENSHIP, WE WILL SUBMIT CASE TO DEPARTMENT, AS REQUIRED, FOR ADVISORY OPINION. CORCORAN

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